

# **JANUARY 2006**

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 Emergency:
 911

 Sheriff Dispatch:
 743-7000

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 743-7200

 Animal Control:
 269-7499

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 468-3430



The role of local

governments and local elected officials has recently been a subject of debate. Other than as a citizen like everyone else, is it the job of an elected local official in the State of Utah to attempt to shape the political position and policy of the Federal government in regard to environmental matters or transportation? Regardless of your view, it is helpful to understand the statutory role of local government. While seemingly not as exciting as world peace, the job of a local government may impact our lives equally or more directly and significantly than even the Federal government.

Most of us recognize that local governments provide public safety (police and fire protection) and make zoning and land use decisions. Many believe that cities also have responsibility for education. Certainly city leaders have a role in influencing education policy, but our schools in Utah are governed by school districts with separately elected officials and taxes. In Cottonwood Heights, we are also fortunate to have the Cottonwood

# JOB OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Heights Recreation District. The Cottonwood Rec (or spa to old-timers) provides wonderful facilities and parks to our city. While we use the Cottonwood Recreation facilities to provide much of our public recreation, it is actually a separate taxing district with separately elected trustees. So what are the responsibilities of cities in addition to public safety and land use regulation?

Elected officials of Cottonwood Heights are charged with the maintenance of the public roadways. Having spent three months studying our proposed capital facilities plan, I now appreciate how complex a duty this is. Building and maintaining a safe and functioning public corridor is a phenomenal and expensive task. It requires both short term and long-range planning and includes various treatments to prolong the life of a roadway such as overlays, seals, pothole patching, sweeping, snow removal and road striping. Maintenance of roadways, sidewalks, curbs and gutters is not mundane to those who hit a pothole. Such matters as speed calming devices become very exciting to those who live on streets that have become raceways. It takes significant time and resources to properly consider the factors which effect road life, such as the speed and number of vehicles and weather.

Street lights and the associated electrical costs are responsibilities of our city and neighborhoods. local Other expenses associated with our include infrastructure snow removal, tree trimming, traffic and street signage, weed control, grooming the landscape buffer zones, and maintaining our 19 stoplights and many school warning flashers. Of equal or more significance to residents, especially at times of potential flooding, is the responsibility to move storm water through the city's collector system.

The independence of becoming a city has been an opportunity to locally direct such tasks. We are pleased to work with Salt Lake County Public Works to provide many of these services to our citizens. By investing in the maintenance of our roads, bridges, sidewalks, and storm drains, their service can be extended, overall costs can be lowered, and we can continue to enjoy the capital infrastructure in Cottonwood Heights.

Bruce T. Jones
DIST# 4

# LIGHT THE NIGHT WINNERS

The City's first annual holiday decorating contest winners are:

Allyn & Cheryl Orme
Paul & Lori Needham
Jean & Bruce McMullin
Terry Diehl
Chris & Lisa Mattheus
Highland House of Utah

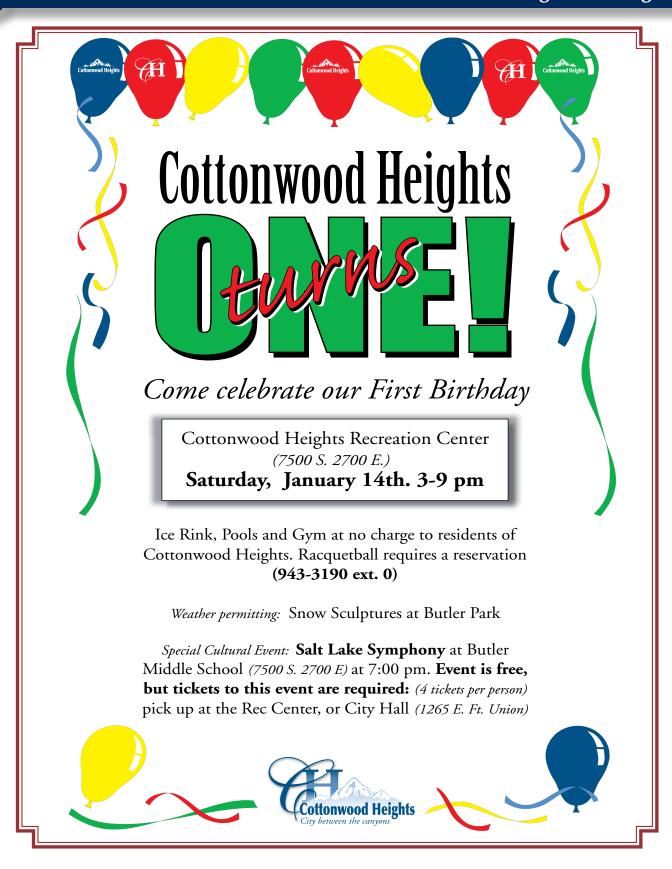
1538 East Dawn Drive 3369 E 7635 South 7825 Pheasant Wood Drive 4198 Prospector Drive Boulder Hollow Apt. #12 8052 Highland Drive

Each received a \$100 gift certificate from one of the city's six grocery stores: Target, Reams, Albertsons, Smiths, Dans, Wild Oats.

We appreciate our merchants' participation.

**Thanks to our citizen committee:** Janelle Mattheus, Lynn Strong, Lara Bell, Dale and Debbie Inkley, Emmaree Josephson and RaJean Higginson, chair. They have made excellent suggestions for improving our contest next year.

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# **SUB FOR SANTA 2005**

The Cottonwood Heights Sub-for- Santa program was a huge success this year. With the generous donations received, we were able to help three families with a total of six children. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following individuals for helping us make this program a success and for making the holidays brighter.

- 1. Mr. and Mrs. John and Dena Chindlund
- 2. Mr. and Mrs. Dean and Christi Bradshaw
- 3. Ms. Julie Hirrlinger
- 4. Ms. Liz Nelson
- 5. Ms. Morgan Valentine
- 6. Ms. Jeana Anderson
- 7. Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office
- 8. KOHL's Department store employees, Draper store
- 9. Cottonwood Heights Employees

Thank you for your support!

## COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS SIGNS LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT

For the past four years, contract cities like Herriman, Riverton, Holladay, and Taylorsville have been at an impasse in coming to formal terms for law enforcement services from the SL County Sheriff. In good faith the Sheriff's office has continued to provide excellent law enforcement services despite the absence of formal agreements in these cities. Since incorporation a year ago, Cottonwood Heights has been diligently negotiating a formal contract for law enforcement services with the County. That contract was approved and ratified by the County Council and Cottonwood Heights City Council on December 13, 2005. The contract contained many innovative provisions that allowed the needs of the County and the Contract Cities to be met.

Some of the key provisions included sharing ratios for liability claims, caps on annual increases, provisions for local precinct and command structures, transition provisions to a Unified Police District and assurances that any favorable provisions subsequently granted to other contract cities would also be extended to Cottonwood Heights. In addition, the contract allowed for financing the first \$2,500,000 of contract services over a three year period interest free.

As the largest contract city, Cottonwood Heights has led the way for other cities to enter into similar formal agreements. Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, City Treasurer Gary Harmer, City Attorney Shane Topham and Manager Liane Stillman were the key negotiators for the city. Many thanks go to Mayor Peter Corroon who encouraged and accommodated the completion of this contract as well as other county officials including Karen Okabe, Linda Hamilton, Nichole Dunn, Doug Willmore, Dick Nixon, Sean Thomas, Sheriff Aaron Kennard, the entire County Council and many others too numerous to mention.

# CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

### **NO MEETING**

January 3, 2006

## **BUSINESS**

January 10, 2006 – 7pm January 24, 2006 – 7pm

#### **WORK SESSION**

January 17, 2006 – 6pm